

Materials I Need:

Memory Work:

Isaiah 1:16&17 Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!
The Prophet - Isaiah (*Yahweh is Salvation*)
The People - Judah, The Israelites Who Lived Around Jerusalem
The Prophecy - Your Sin, Your Savior
The Principle - The Savior Is Coming

Aim Questions:

1. What does Isaiah's name mean? (*Yahweh is Salvation.*)
2. What is the prophecy we took from Isaiah? (*Your Sin, Your Savior--the Savior is Coming!*)
3. How did God use Isaiah in a peculiar way to warn His people not to trust in Egypt? (*Barefoot and without clothes.*) Why? (*Isaiah illustrates how Egypt would end up after God judges the nation using Assyria as His weapon.*)
4. What things do you tend to turn to for deliverance or to be saved? Whom should you surrender?
5. Do you shrink back when you think God is asking you to do something or do you embrace Him? Give an example. Where are you putting your trust?


Hook:


- Radio/Video Cast.** You will need to pre-record this drama either on video or audio tape. Have it ready for the beginning of class. **3ISA10JR.GF8-pages 1-3**
- Magazine Madness.** Bring in magazines for the Bible students to search through and clip pictures or words. Look for things' people in America might put their trust in over God. Glue the pictures to a piece of poster board. Use a large black marker and label the poster, "Who Is Your God?" (*Other ideas: Will the real God please stand? Where are you putting your trust?*) Utilize this collage when talking about application, and set it up outside the classroom for the parents to see and discuss as they pick up their children.
- Axis & Allies.** Bring in the game Axis & Allies. Discuss simple war strategies using game pieces. What would the World see as their best defense? (*Get the biggest, worst country to come in and help so that we will not be squashed.*)


Book:

Presentation Ideas -

- Assyrian Campaigns.** Teachers: This is some additional background on Assyria *FYI (for your information).* **3ISA10JR.GF1**

 **Map.** Utilize map or globe to show the progress of the Assyrian Army. These were “real” historical events. **3ISA10JR.GF2**

 **Time Line.** This may be more for teachers than students, but you may use it to put Isaiah in historical perspective with the other prophets. **3ISA10JRGF3**

 **A Tame Picture Of Isaiah.** Use your own judgment. This picture was created to express Isaiah’s uncomfortable obedience to God’s request that he walk about as a captive would who was being marched into slavery. The shame of being taken captive would be horrible. Imagine, walking hundreds of mile with little of no clothing to cover yourself from the elements. God had called Isaiah to do a drastic thing in order to gain the attention of the people of Judah. **3ISA10JRGF4**

Bible Adventure -

Last week we learned of Isaiah's vision of God and how it changed his life. Isaiah's realization of the holiness of God and of the seriousness of sin gave him the boldness it took to be the spokesman of God to God's people. God's message through Isaiah to Israel and Judah was a message of judgment. God's people continued in their rebellious ways even after God's warnings and attempts to bring them back to Himself. God had decided to deal with them.

Remember when we studied the book of Jonah? God asked Jonah to go to Ninevah, a city in Assyria. If you recall, the Assyrians were cruel and violent people. However, God was able to use this fierce, evil nation as a tool in His hands. He caused Assyria to invade Israel. Israel had refused to call upon the one true God and instead conspired with Egypt, one of her neighbors, to try to overcome Assyria. God meant to teach Israel that only He could keep her safe. So Assyria invaded, taking Israel captive, scattering the people far and wide, and filling the land with Assyrian settlers.

Imagine the terror the little country of Judah must have felt watching all this go happen. They had watched Assyria conquer country after country, and now that they had conquered Israel they were camped right on Judah's borders! Judah knew it was only a matter of time before Assyria attacked them, too. King Hezekiah of Judah was being pressured by many in the land to seek help from Egypt. God knew what the people of Judah were thinking. He gave Isaiah a message for them and had Isaiah deliver it in a very unusual way.

God told Isaiah to take off his sandals and his clothes. Isaiah's love for God was so great that he obeyed Him and went about stripped and barefoot for three years! Why would God ask Isaiah to do such a thing? God was using Isaiah as an illustration or picture to the people of Judah. He said to them in Isaiah 20, "Just as my servant Isaiah has gone stripped and barefoot for three years as a sign and portent (*or prediction of something that will happen in the future*) against Egypt and Cush, so the king of Assyria will lead away stripped and barefoot the Egyptian captives...to Egypt's shame. " Those who....boasted in Egypt will be afraid and put to shame. In that day, the people who live on the coast will say, 'See what happened to those we relied on, those we fled to for help and deliverance from the king of Assyria. How then can we escape?'" Just think of the panic God's words caused to the people of Judah. Imagine you are being chased at school or in your neighborhood by a huge bully. Just ahead of you is the kid who won the district boxing championship. "Good" you think. "This guy will protect me and I will be safe!" Then the bully runs up and levels the boxer with one punch. There goes your last defense. You put your faith and trust in someone who had no more control over the situation than you did. That's what Judah did, too. God was warning them not to place their trust in Egypt, because Egypt was soon going to have major troubles of their own. The people of Egypt went to fortune-tellers and people who claimed they could talk to the dead for help. They went to their great river called the Nile, they believed the Nile was a god, but it was helpless to save them. They turned to their leaders, but their leaders failed them. God spoiled everything they turned to for help so they would know He is the one and only God who controls all things. He did the same thing to Judah. Judah now had only two choices--to call out to God for help or suffer God's judgment, like Israel did.

Here in America we see people placing their trust in things rather than in God. Many Americans think they are a strong country so they trust in that strength. They may trust in money to keep them from hard times. People trust in family, friends, or even in themselves and think they can handle anything that comes their way. Sooner or later, these "false gods" we place our trust in fail us, too.

Isaiah was faithful to warn Judah not to trust in false gods, even if it meant walking barefoot and without clothes to preach God's message. God does not ask us to do anything quite so dramatic, and yet we are often afraid to talk to people about God. Woven all through the book of Isaiah are promises of a coming Messiah and Savior of the kingdom. Do we care about the people we meet enough to tell them about Jesus the Messiah and how they can become a part of His forever kingdom? Isaiah can be an example to us to trust God enough to share in boldness, remembering that we are telling people about the only way they can escape judgment and destruction.



Look:

- Isaiah.** Be creative. Use the supplies given to create Chapter 19: Cotton balls; twine; yellow, blue, brown construction paper; colored pencils. Use a plain white piece of construction paper for the background. There is an example of what they can do. **3ISA10JR.GF5**
 - Reporter.** Consider 3-5 facts to report to the world regarding Egypt's situation. Have the Bible students take turns going into the hall and giving a radio newscast. Record all of the Bible students and play it back at the end of class. **OPTION 2.** Have the Bible students team up and write a short interview together, then go out in the hall and record. There is an example that you may wish to use **3ISA10JRGF8.**
 - Help Isaiah.** A good reporter needs to get facts and they have 6 basic questions to ask to gather information. They are listed for you. Can you answer them for Isaiah? **3ISA10JRGF6**
 - Forbidden.** The goal is to get the Bible students to say the word at the top of the card. You must get your team to say the word, but you may not use any of the words on the *card (or any form of the words.)* Helpful Hint: Use synonyms!!! Some cards were left blank, on purpose, for you to complete. **3ISA10JRGF7**
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Took:

- Prophet page.** This is a half sheet of paper for the Bible students to complete. This sheet will also help with the memory work. If these pages are all saved, the Bible students will have a booklet on the minor prophets that they have put together. These pages will fit in a small binder. **3ISA10JRGF9**
- Jumpin' 4 P's. Jump rope to the Jumpin' 4 P's.**
The Prophet is Isaiah
The People are from Judah
The Prophecy---Your Sin, Your Savior
The Principle---The Savior is Coming
The Savior is Coming
These are the 4 P's
Got 'em From Isaiah
Now it's time --- to jump out.

[To make into a rap, delete the last line and repeat the second to the last line.]
- Details Overhead.** Details, Details, Details Could you look through Chapter 19? What does the Lord tell Isaiah regarding Egypt? List some of the prophecy against Egypt. Call on the Bible students as they raise their hands. **3ISA10JRGF10**

Alliances. Discuss the alliances of World War II as a modern example of the agreement that Judah was considering with Egypt. Use a world map or globe. Have the Bible students guess which countries were on each side of this war. The countries are listed below. The students might be surprised to learn the US was allied with the Soviet Union. What would the dangers be for a godly nation that allied itself with a country that did not honor God? Apply this principle to agreements between individuals (*i.e. unequally yoked marriages*).

AXIS

Germany
Italy
Japan
Rumania
Finland
Hungary
Bulgaria

ALLIES

Great Britain
USA
USSR
China
France

Discussion Questions. Write them on the board and discuss them as a class.

1. **What things do you tend to turn to for deliverance or to be saved? Whom should you surrender?**
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**WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU LEANING ON.
WHY SO DOWNCAST OH MY SOUL, PUT YOUR
HOPE IN GOD.
TRUST AND OBEY**

Assyrian Campaigns against Israel and Judah

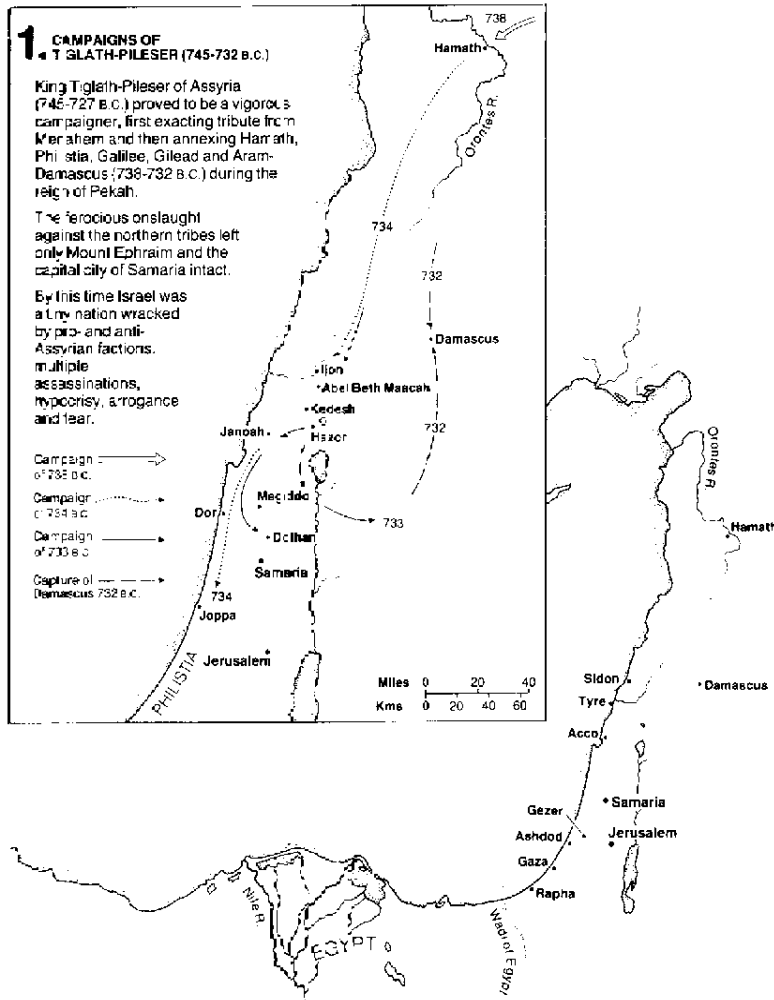
The Assyrian invasions of the eighth century B.C. were the most traumatic political events in the entire history of Israel.

The brutal Assyrian style of warfare relied on massive armies, superbly equipped with the world's first great siege machines manipulated by an efficient corps of engineers.

Psychological terror, however, was Assyria's most effective weapon. It was ruthlessly applied, with

corpses impaled on stakes, severed heads stacked in heaps, and captives skinned alive.

The shock of bloody military sieges on both Israel and Judah was profound. The prophets did not fail to scream out against their horror, while at the same time pleading with the people to see God's hand in history to recognize spiritual causes in the present punishment.

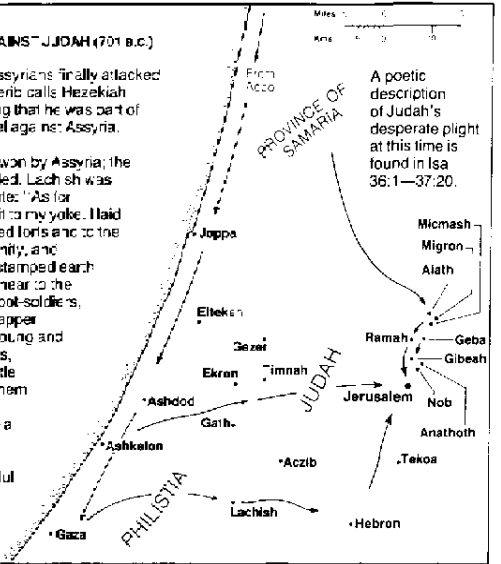


3. SENNACHERIB'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST JUDAH (701 B.C.)

In the 14th year of Hezekiah, the Assyrians finally attacked Judah. The clay Prism of Sennacherib calls Hezekiah "overbearing and proud," indicating that he was part of Philistia's and Egypt's effort to rebel against Assyria.

A battle in the plain of Etakeh was won by Assyria; the Egyptian and Cushite charioteers fled. Lachish was besieged and taken. The annals note: "As for Hezekiah the Jew, he did not submit to my yoke. I laid siege to 46 of his strong cities, walled towns and to the countless small villages in their vicinity, and conquered them by means of well-stamped earth ramps and battering-rams brought near to the walls combined with the attack by foot-soldiers, using mines, breaches as well as sapper work. I drove out 200,150 people, young and old, male and female, horses, mules, donkeys, camels, big and small cattle beyond counting, and considered them booty. Himself I made a prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage."

Nowhere, however, does the boastful Assyrian king record the disaster mentioned in 2Ki 19:35-38 and Isa 37:36-37.



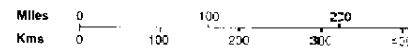
A poetic description of Judah's desperate plight at this time is found in Isa 36:1-37:20.

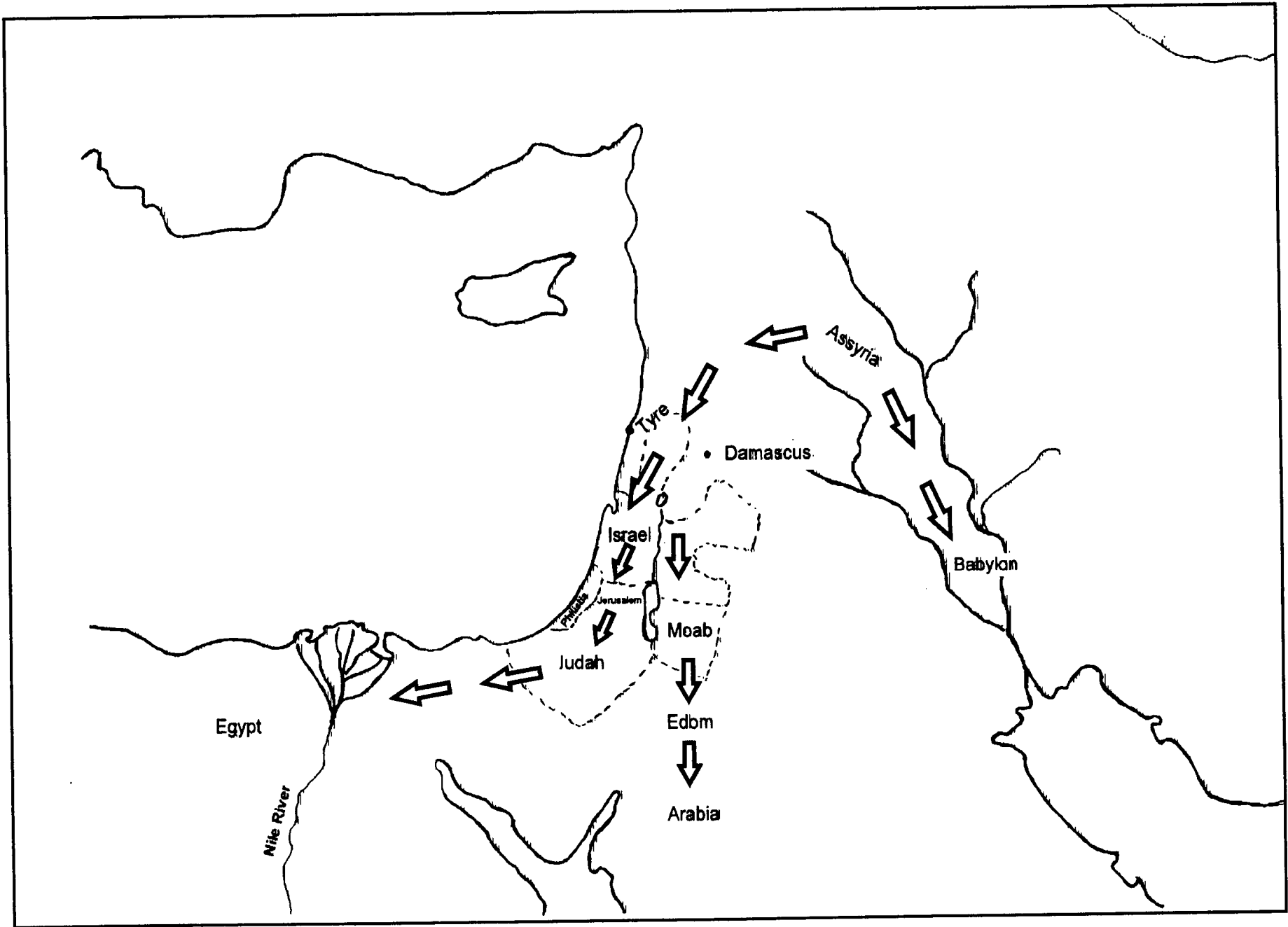
2. CAMPAIGN OF SHALMANESER V (725-722 B.C.)

The last king of Israel, Hoshea, conspired with Egypt and withheld the annual tribute to the Assyrians.

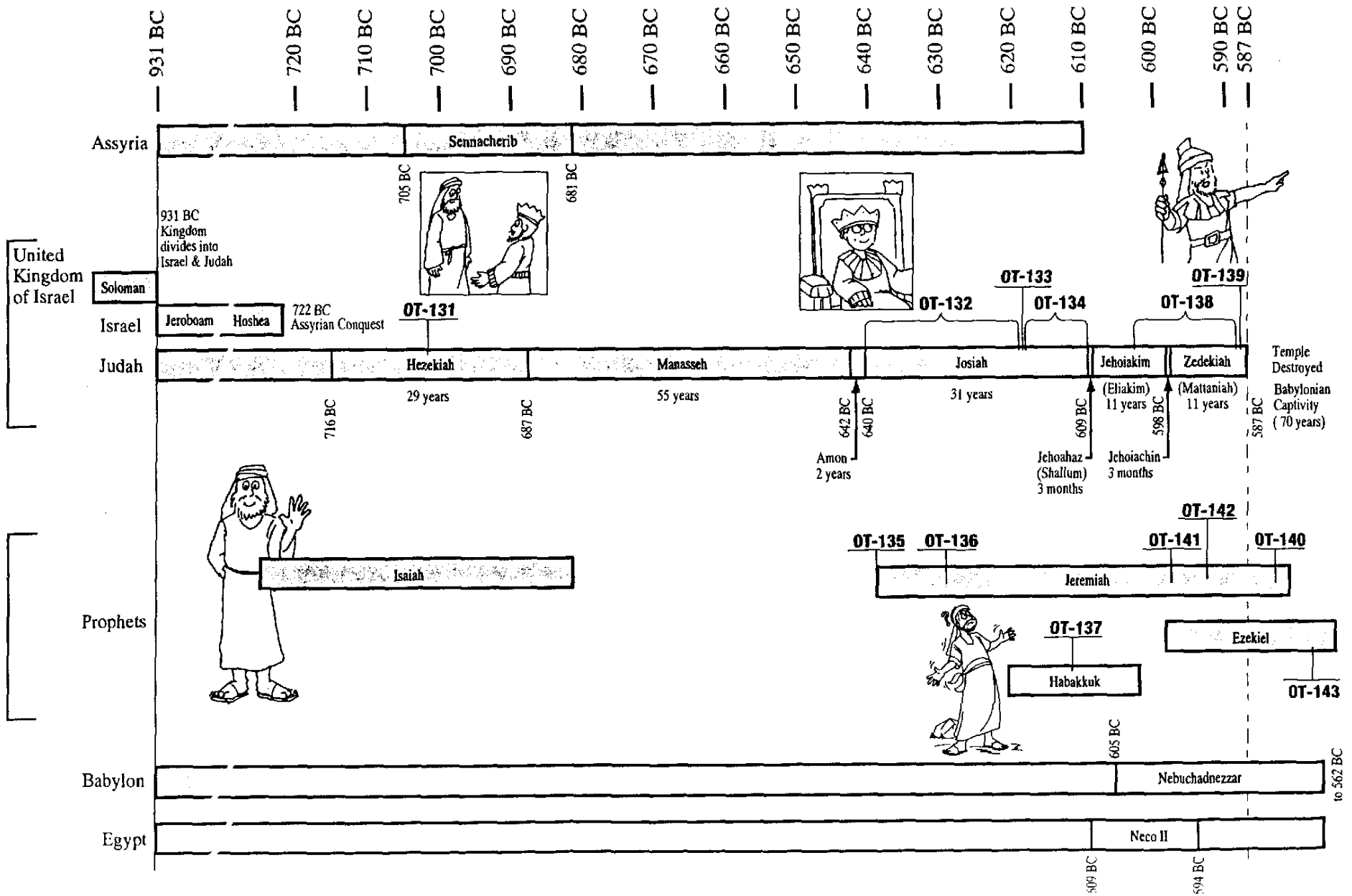
A protracted three-year siege conducted by Shalmaneser and concluded by Sargon II saw the end of the Israelite kingdom in 722 B.C.

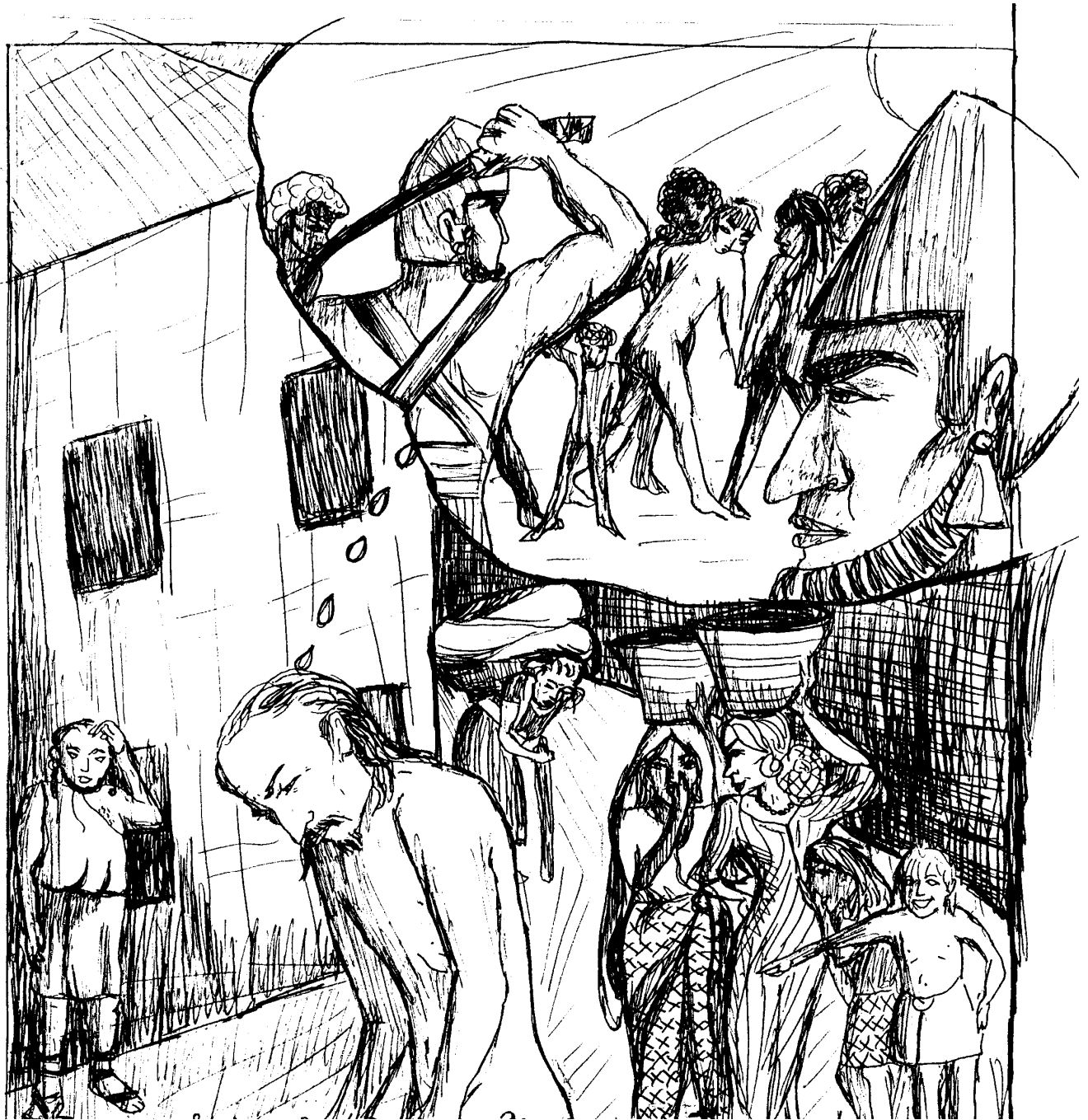
At that time, according to Assyrian annals written on clay, "I (Sargon) besieged and conquered Samaria, led away as booty 27,280 inhabitants . . . I installed over [those remaining] an officer of mine and imposed upon them the tribute of the former king."





931 BC - 587 BC





Isaiah Warned The People
By Walking Around Stripped Like A Captured Slave.

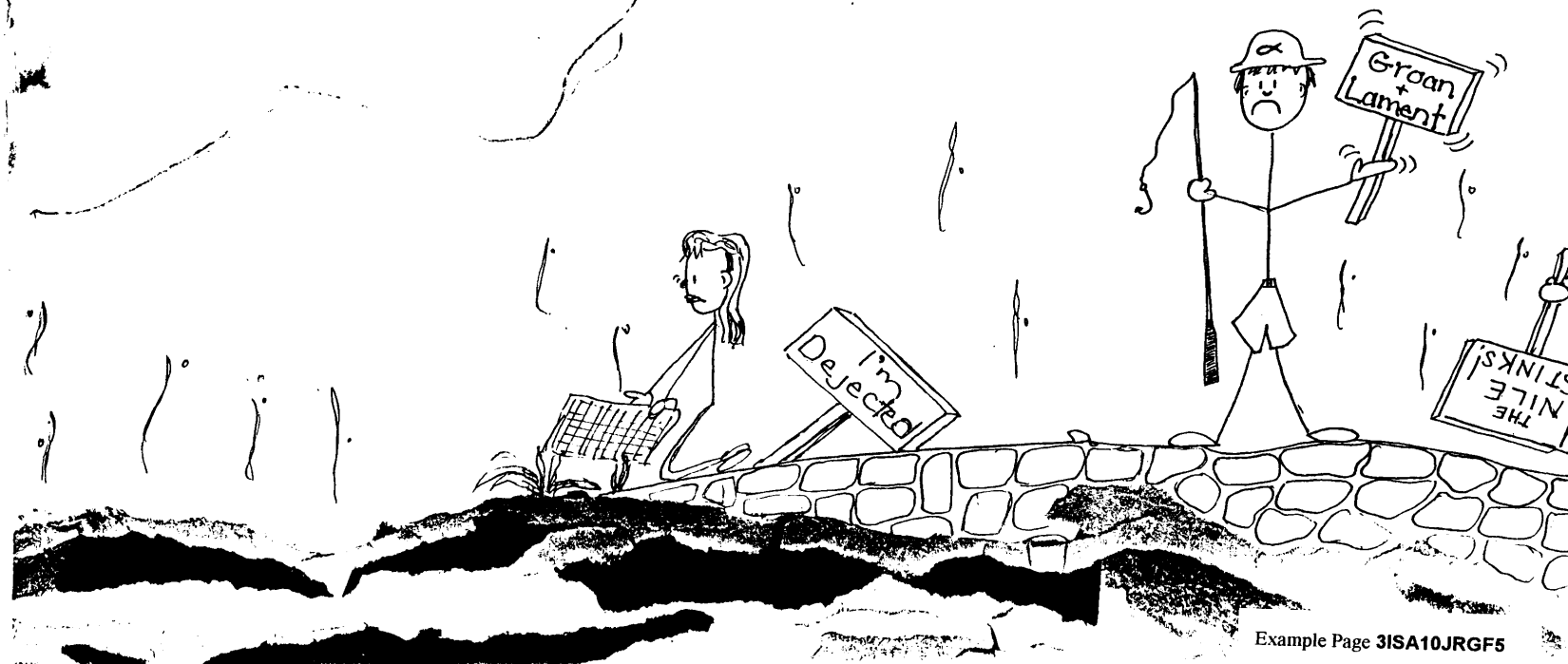
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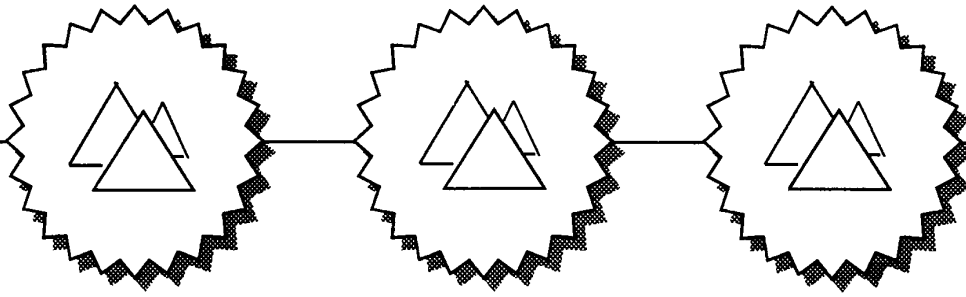
Teacher's Visual 3ISA10JRGF4

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fluffy cotton for clouds

The Lord rides
on a swift cloud
and is coming to
Egypt.
Isaiah 19:1a





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COUNTRY
PYRAMIDS
NILE
PHAROAH
MOSES



NILE

RIVER
DRY
WATER
EGYPT
gOD





ASSYRIANS

ATTACKERS
ISRAEL
JUDAH
BRUTAL
JUDGMENT



WEAVERS

CLOTH
LINEN
BASKETS
REEDS
UNDERWATER





ISAIAH

PROPHET
EGYPT
ASSYRIA
NAKED
OBEDIENT



FISHERMAN

FISH
POLE
CATCH
BAIT
HOOK





FORBIDDEN

The goal of this game is to get the Bible students to say the word at the top of each card. You may not say any of the words provided on the card. You may not even say a form of the words written on the cards. If a student says one of the words or a form of it then whoever is watching says FOR-BID- DEN and that persons turn is up. You might want to shuffle that card back in to try later.

Write up some cards of your own to try and stump your Bible students. Perhaps even invite the Bible students to write up some of the cards and try to stump the teachers!

Characters:

Chad - News anchor
 Cleo - reporter
 Dan - Reporter
 Egyptian fisherman
 Egyptian weaver
 Announcer

Props:

a desk for news anchor
 papers (script)
 one or two pretend microphones

Direct from Zoan, Egypt...

Announcer: This is FBC news of the Nile with your host Chad Scarob and correspondents Cleo Sphinx on the Nile, and Dan Matthews in Judah

Chad: In tonight's top story, Pharaoh has tried another group of counselors. Officials say this group claims to be able to talk with the ancient kings and convey their ancient messages of wisdom. But today Pharaoh called them "nothing but fools", and put them in prison. There they will join all the other spiritists and mediums that have lost Pharaoh's confidence recently. No wise man in the last year has lasted more than two weeks in Pharaoh's counsel. He only seems to be getting more confused as he tries to please the gods and obey the spirits of the dead. Officials are becoming concerned about the leadership from the palace. Pharaoh doesn't seem to be able to make decisions about what should be done to protect the country from the Assyrian threat. Their officials have decided not to wait for orders from the palace. However, there is no agreement among them either. The soldiers and the governors don't know who to obey, and different orders are coming at them from all sides. It is as if the country is dizzy and staggering around with no sense of direction.

And now.. with our continuing report on conditions along the Nile, here's Cleo Sphinx. Cleo?
Cleo: Thank you Chad. Conditions seem to be worsening all along the river. This year's crops are at less than half the average yield, and even with such small amounts of grain the farmers are having trouble getting their crops to market. Usually everything is transported in boats on the Nile, but now it is no more than a stream and the boats keep getting stuck. It is not a good situation. The plants are withering all along the banks and everything is dying. It doesn't even smell good. Let's see what the townspeople have to say.
 Sir.., sir., can I speak to you for a moment?

Fisherman: Sure, I've got nothing better to do.

Cleo: What do you mean? You are a fisherman, right?

Fisherman: Yes, that's true, but there's nothing left to fish for so I might as well talk to you. The nets have been empty for days. There are dead fish all along the banks, but none of us can find any to catch. I don't know how I am going to earn a living and feed my family.

Cleo: Yes, well, thank you for your time. Maybe we'll find better news if we speak to someone in a different business. Let's talk to a weaver in this fabric shop. Could we have a minute of your time?

Weaver: What can I do for you?

Cleo: Can you tell us what effect this drought is having on your business?

Weaver: I wish I could give you a positive outlook, but I am afraid things are getting worse by the day. The flax and the linen crops are so small that prices have gone out of sight. We can't afford materials even when we can get them, and no one can afford to buy our fabric anyway. I just don't see how we will survive. We are all very discouraged. We have worshipped the Nile River as our god and we've done our best to please her with our offerings. Now she's angry and we don't know why. Without the blessings of the Nile, we have nothing. We feel like giving up and some of us have already.

Cleo: That's the situation along the Nile River. Now back to you, Chad.

Chad: Thank you, Cleo. Fighting broke out again in Noph today. Sources are unclear on what the dispute was about, but it was reported that both factions were Egyptian. This is only the latest skirmish of a growing number of battles between Egyptian families, neighbors, and cities. Some experts think that all this fighting among ourselves is brought on by an intense fear of what the Assyrians will do if they make their way through Judah and begin to take Egypt captive. Reports of Assyrian cruelty are causing Egyptian hearts to melt in fear. It is time now to talk with our correspondent in Judah. Dan, are you there?

Dan: Yes, Chad. I'll have to keep moving. I am with a group of captives from Samana. There is chaos and confusion everywhere. All the people have been uprooted and marched away, along with their animals. I suppose they are going to be slaves to the Assyrians, but they don't resist because they'll be punished for sure if they do. It's interesting that some of the Jewish people are blaming themselves for what is happening. They say they should have trusted their God and obeyed Him instead of thinking that they could resist Assyria if they worked together with you and the Philistines. Some Jewish sources say that they knew all of this was going to happen. I understand there was a prophet of Jehovah that foretold details about all the Assyrian attacks so far. He said Assyria would conquer Babylon, Philistia, and Moab. . .before it actually happened.

Chad: Who is this prophet?

Dan: According to my sources, his name is Isaiah, son of Amoz.

Chad: I've never heard of him.

Dan: Well, here in Judah, I guess he has been pretty hard to miss. For three years he walked around barefoot without any clothes.

Chad: I'm afraid to ask why he did that.

Dan: Actually, it has to do with a prophecy about Egypt. He said that the Assyrians will come to Egypt and capture all the people. They'll put to shame by forcing you to go naked and barefoot as you are led away from your homes. Then they'll take your homes and land for themselves.

Chad: You don't think there is any truth to this, do you?

Dan: All I know is that this prophet has been remarkably accurate so far. He predicted the defeat of Israel to the North and he actually predicted some of the troubles you're already having there in Egypt. For instance, he said the Nile would dry up. The prophesies of Isaiah are primarily responsible for the breakdown of negotiations last year. Remember when Judah almost backed out on our

agreement to work together in resisting the Assyrians? Maybe Isaiah was right after all. You have been having so many problems there in Egypt that you haven't been able to fight with Judah. If King Hezekiah doesn't do something, Judah will be defeated and most experts predict that Assyria will continue in your direction.

Chad: **That is not** very good news. Thank you. Dan. Well, we are all out of time. Join us again tomorrow.

Announcer: This has been News of the Nile with your host Chad Scarob.

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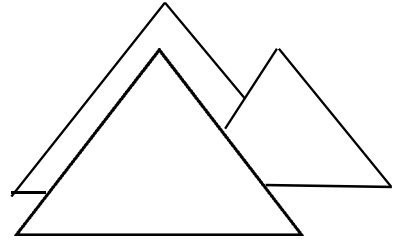
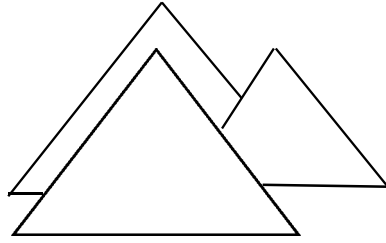
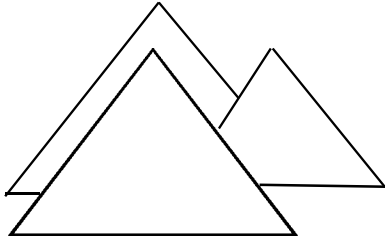
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